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Honorable Thomas J. Dodd  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Dodd:

Thank you for your letter of 11 April 1961 and for the enclosed copies of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee's hearings and report on "Proposed Shipment of Ball Bearing Machines to the USSR." We are glad to have this full account of the proceedings.

With regard to the questions concerning the Agency which were raised in your letter, I should like first to explain that the CIA representative at meetings of the Advisory Committee on Export Policy attends solely for the purpose of providing intelligence support and does not take a position either in favor of or in opposition to any proposed policy or action, such as granting of an export license.

In the Bryant license case, CIA provided intelligence on the bearings industry of the USSR and on the quality of Soviet precision miniature bearings and internal grinding machines. We do not undertake studies or provide intelligence support on the machinery industry in Western Europe because this industry is well known to US engineers, and information concerning it is readily available from open sources.

We do not have an expert on ball bearings among the engineers on our staff at this time, but here as in other

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instances we do call on experts from industry and from other US government agencies to evaluate technical information obtained from intelligence sources.

I hope the above is responsive to your questions. Please let us know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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